STATE OF INDIANA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT INDIANAPOLIS

Executive Order

To All To Whom These Presents May Come, Greeting:

WHEREAS.

the citizens of Indiana have strong concern for and interest in

Indiana's archaeological and cultural resources; and

WHEREAS.

the information gained from archaeological sites gives Hoosiers an enhanced appreciation and awareness of past cultures and historic events in our state and promotes knowledge of the contributions of cultural diversity to our

state's development and heritage; and

WHEREAS,

archaeology promotes significant community involvement and provides information on our individual and collective histories, assisting in enhancing and planning our futures; and

WHEREAS,

archaeology can contribute to young people's understanding of

the past and its importance; and

WHEREAS,

the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology, publishes educational materials and conducts educational activities and presentations

about the past people of Indiana; and

WHEREAS,

the Indiana Department of Natural Resources implements policies, rules and statutes to protect our state's archaeological sites, which are an endangered resource; and

WHEREAS.

the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology promotes awareness and appreciation of Indiana's archaeological heritage; and

WHEREAS,

for the last seven years, the observance of Indiana Archaeology Week and Indiana Archaeology Month has generated, strengthened and greatly expanded participation and interest in the stewardship of Indiana's resources and understanding of archaeology; and there have been greatly increasing and strong demand for information and activities relating to archaeology in Indiana,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANK O'BANNON, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim September 2003

INDIANA ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to take due note of the observance.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Indiana at the Capitol in Indianapolis on this 25th day of April, 2003.

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Frank O'Bannon Governor of Indiana

ATTEST:

Todd Rokita Secretary of State

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